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Applicants: **Norio MAEDA et al.**

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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DRYING SUBSTRATE

**PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, respectfully request a two-month extension of time period for responding to the Notice to File Missing Requirements dated August 27, 2001. With this filing, the period for response is thus extended up to and including December 27, 2001.

Our check including the fee of \$400.00 for the extension of time fee is included herewith.

Please charge any additional fees which may be necessary with respect to this filing to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 02-4300, and credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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